



District 1080 International Service 2009/10

Helping and strengthening International Service within the clubs



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

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Last call -

Monday 14 September: International Workshop at The Grasmere Club, Denmark Street, Diss, IP22 4LE

How can your club get involved in International? Come and find out. Numbers please to me asap.

Here is just a selection of opportunities that have been forwarded to me and which may spark an interest at your club. If so, I can forward plenty more information and contact details.

Typhoon Morakot, Taiwan. The extent of the devastation can be judged by the fact that over 1,300 schools are reckoned to have been destroyed. Clubs can assist through [Shelterbox](#) and through [Water-Survival Box](#), both of which are both providing assistance here (as well as in many other disaster areas). Also the RC of Chu-Nau has opened a fund and hopes to provide a Rotary Village or replacement dwellings. I also have a wonderful first hand account from a Shelterbox co-ordinator who is in-country and I will bring this along to the Workshop.

National Immunisation Days in India. There may still be a few places left for November.

Water purification in Peru. Archie Poulter (RC of Saxmundham) has a very reliable Rotary contact in Lima who distributes a locally produced ceramic water filter and is always looking for sponsors.

Your clubs project? If you would like support for a project that your clubs is already running or is at the planning stage please email details to me and I will include it in the next Newsletter – I would much prefer to promote locally produced ideas!

Better still. Coming along to the September workshop and tell all the delegates about it.

All club projects. Have you given me details of your proposals for the current year. If not, then let me know asap and certainly before the *1080 Projects List* is launched at the September Workshop.

Medical equipment in South Africa. The RC of Sandton near Johannesburg are looking for sponsors to help equip a clinic that they have refurbished.

IT Schools Africa. The Rotary Club of Cheltenham has a well developed programme recycling computers for African schools. All you need to do is to look out for establishments that are chucking out 'old' equipment and then arrange for some sponsorship to cover: transport and processing in UK, shipping and support at the other end.

The Usborne Illustrated Dictionary. Orders are now being taken for the new LCDW (Low Cost Developing World) Dictionary and I will have a sample copy for you to see at the Workshop. Cost only £2 each.

Water-Survival Box. I am not sure that any clubs in 1080 are actually supporting this excellent project from RC of Chelwood Bridge D 1200. They deliver standardised pre-packed boxes to disaster areas, containing essential cooking and survival equipment together with a water filter sufficient for a family of 5 for 12 months. (No tent.) I have booked a demo box for Conference, which will be available to clubs for fundraising as an option to other 'box' projects.. They cost £150 each.

The Wulugu Project. What is it? It is based near Norwich and aimed at women and girls in North Ghana. Come to the workshop and find out more.

The Bill Gates \$200million challenge. Don't forget that this is *International* – in fact the biggest International project that Rotary has ever undertaken. Every club should be participating.

John Grant Trophy. The shortlisted projects will be profiled at the District Governors Conference Dinner, where the winner will be announced.

NEXT INTERNATIONAL BRIEFING: 6 pm prior to District Council, Tuesday 13th October (book your meal for 6.30 pm)

If you have any International queries or would like a speaker please contact myself or one of the team. Together we can make the coming year one of outstanding International success in 1080.

Richard Pither